

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 1-9 and 17-22 are allowed.

Claims 1-22 remain pending in the instant application. Claims 10-16 presently stand rejected. Claim 10 is amended herein. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 10-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101) as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Independent claim 10 has been amended to recite, “a **tangible** machine-readable medium...” Consequently, Applicants submit that claim 10, and its dependent claims 11-16, are now limited to statutory subject matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe the applicable rejections have been overcome and all claims remaining in the application are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at (206) 292-8600 if the Examiner believes that an interview might be useful for any reason.

CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Please credit any overpayment to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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